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Applicants:

Andrew K. Benson

App. No.:

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Filed:

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Box Missing Parts Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

To the Assistant Commissioner:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated September 13, 2000, we enclose:

Application No.: 09/639,690 Filed: August 16, 2000

- Check in the amount of \$934.00 to cover: Filing Fee in the amount of \$690.00; Additional Claims Fee in the amount of \$114.00; and Surcharge Fee in the amount of \$130.00;
- Copy of Part 2, Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, dated September 13, 2000;
- Declaration, Petition and Power of Attorney executed by Applicant Andrew K. Benson;
- Return Postcard.

Applicant's attorney certifies that the document to which the Inventor's Declaration refers is the same application filed as Serial No. 09/639,690 on August 16, 2000.

In the event any additional fee is required, please charge such amount to our Deposit Account No. 141449.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael I. Falkoff

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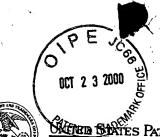
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
 Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$114.
 - \$36 for 2 total claims over 20.
 - \$78 for 1 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The balance due by applicant is \$ 934.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

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